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Domestic abuse

Students speak out on deaths

By Taysha.Murtaugh
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The Central Campus sidewalk was lined with 216 vacant chairs Thursday, representing the 216 people in Iowa who have died as a result of domestic abuse since 1995.

"We wanted to have a visual representation of the significant number of lives lost to domestic violence," said Penny Rice, Women's Center coordinator for the Dean of Students Office.

October is National Domestic Abuse Awareness Month, and the Women's Center and ACCESS, or Assault Care Center Extending Shelter and Support, teamed up to host the sixth annual Chairs Project. The project's message is that "violence leaves an empty place at the table."

At each of these empty places was

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Blue Sky Days

5k run aids parent services

By Frances.Myers
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Shalome Musignac might not have finished her college career without the help of People Place.

People Place is a program that is part of Lutheran Services of Iowa and provides services to people of all ages, genders, nationalities, religions, ethnicities and sexual orientations.

Iowa State will be working with LSI on Saturday to put on the Blue Sky Days 5k run/walk. The walk will raise money for LSI to benefit the parents and children it serves.

Musignac found herself pregnant at 19, when she was an undeclared student at Des Moines Area Community College.

The father of her child was very unsupportive and she chose to return to her family in Puerto Rico to welcome her baby into the world.

Musignac and her son Jamil returned to Iowa four months after his birth. She was interested in finishing her education.

Upon returning to DMACC, Musignac found she couldn't connect

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Student death

After the accident

Student shares troubles coping with Jonathan Brown death

By Kaitlyn.York
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Derek Haskin felt the windshield shatter. The glass landed in his lap. His first instinct told him to stop and scream for someone to call 911.

The Oct. 2 ISU football game vs. Texas Tech had just ended when Haskin, senior in pre-business, was on his way to work at Reimen Gardens.

He drove westbound on South 16th Street when two people appeared to have come out of nowhere. Haskin said he attempted to swerve and miss the people.

He didn't know this moment would change his life.

"I tried to look for [whom I hit] and couldn't find him," Haskin said. "Someone was screaming out his name while looking for him, too."

The eerie calmness of Haskin's surroundings was followed by the sirens of police cars and an ambulance.

Approximately six people surrounded what was later discovered to be ISU student Jonathan Brown.

No one was screaming anymore, nor was anyone hysterical.

Calm was the only word to describe the scene.

"It was the most eerie sensation," Haskin said. "When he hit the windshield, my stomach just dropped. Especially having the glass fall on you ... you begin to realize how serious it is."

Haskin was immediately placed in the back of the police car for approximately 2.5 hours while traffic investigators were working on the scene. During these long hours

all Haskin knew was the person he hit was breathing and an airlift was coming for the person.

"I didn't know how he was, if I was going to be facing criminal charges; I didn't know anything at all. I didn't know what happens next. I still don't," Haskin said. "I went home that night and just cried."

Everything felt unreal for Haskin, but he still didn't know the details of the situation.

"Honestly, I thought I had hit a child until three days later when the Dean of Students Office told me it had been a student — and that killed me," Haskin said.

Haskin learned the person he hit was Brown, and found a blog that the family members of Brown were updating consistently on his status in the hospital.

Haskin serves in the Army and had to report the accident to his unit. He was to keep them updated on Jonathan's condition, and relied on the blog for updates.

After two anxious days of following the family blog, Haskin found out that Brown was pronounced brain dead and passed away.

"I knew something was wrong when 10 hours passed and there was no update," he said. "You have no idea how unreal it is. I couldn't begin to imagine what his family was going through, but in the same aspect I don't even know what I'm going through."

Haskin said he wishes he knew how to get through this situation. The day after Jonathan's death the university reached out and offered

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Traffic fatality, accidents drive push for education

By Kaitlin.York
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Ames Police Department and ISU Police are teaming up Friday to re-educate, re-enforce and encourage pedestrians to be safe when crossing streets.

From around 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. ISU students will find police officers riding bikes and cruising on Segways at the Lincoln Way intersections between Beach Road and Sheldon Avenue.



Derek Haskin, senior in pre-business, talks about life since the accident involving Jonathan Brown, including frustrations, doctor visits and questions with unknown answers. Photo: Rebekka Brown/Iowa State Daily

"Recent traffic fatalities have made it even more important for pedestrians and drivers to be aware of each other, especially around congested traffic," said Chuck Cychosz, Ames police chief.

The project comes after ISU student Jonathan Brown died of injuries sustained while being struck by a car, and another car-pedestrian collision Tuesday.

At the intersection of Lincoln Way and Beach Avenue on Tuesday, Katherine Bazzell, freshman in pre-business, was hit by a red Chevy pick-up truck driven by Lucas Wendt, sophomore in agricultural business.

Bazzell was walking on the crosswalk with another friend from Iowa State when she was

talking and looking toward a nearby CyRide bus. Out of the corner of her eye, she noticed another pedestrian pointing in her direction. When she turned her head, it was already too late to feel any emotion.

"I turned my head and all of a sudden the grill of this truck was in my face," Bazzell said. "Luckily I'm not injured other than a sore leg and a few bruises."

Wendt had a green light, not a green arrow. His vehicle wasn't accelerated to a speed high enough to cause major injuries.

During the event Friday, police officers will educate individuals how to decrease the likeli-

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LECTURE: ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Bill McKibben, author and environmentalist, gives a lecture about climate change, alternative energy and economics Thursday in the Great Hall of the Memorial Union. Photo: Tsubasa Shigehara/Iowa State Daily



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Sigma Lamda Gamma

Rent-A-Puppy program raises money for shelters

By Michael.Craighton
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One of the hardest parts of leaving home can be separation from your canine companions. Dog lovers at Iowa State will have the chance to remedy their separation anxiety and play with puppies from two local shelters Friday and Saturday.

Amanda Chung, senior in animal ecology, is the organizer of Rent-A-Puppy. The event's goal is to raise money for two local animal shelters, the Boone Area Humane Society and the Harding Eldora Animal Rescue Team, whose puppies will be available for playing with and adoption.

"My personal interest is in shelters and veterinary practice because I'm a pre-vet student," Chung said. "So this is something I'm really passion-



Sigma Lamda Gamma will host a "Rent-A-Puppy" event Friday and Saturday on the lawn south of the Campanile. All of the dogs are from local animal shelters. Photo: Karuna Ang/Iowa State Daily

ate about."

Chung came up with the idea for Rent-A-Puppy after searching on the Internet for fundraising ideas. She took it upon herself to contact local shelters to see if they would

be interested, and said the event is about more than raising money for the local animal shelters.

"It's good for students who

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Weather | Provided by ISU Meteorology Club

Friday
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Get outside while the sun and moderate temperatures last.

Saturday
41|70

Be careful traversing through gusty conditions. Gusts to 16 mph.

Sunday
43|68

The quiet weather pattern persists — still sunny and no chance of rain.

Fun Fact:
1880 - An early season blizzard raked Minnesota and the Dakotas. Winds gusted to 70 mph, and snow drifts 10 to 15 feet high were reported.

Calendar

FRIDAY
Planetary Show
When: 7 p.m.
What: Free tickets for the shows available at the door starting at 6:30 p.m. The shows are suitable for all ages, and are followed by a star-gazing session.
Where: Physics Hall

FRIDAY
Pride Dance
When: 8 p.m. to midnight
What: The closing event of the National Coming Out Week observance at Iowa State. Coordinated by the LGBTAA.
Where: Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 1015 N. Hyland Ave.

SATURDAY
Men's hockey
When: 7:30 p.m.
What: Iowa State vs. Davenport University
Where: Ames/ISU Ice Arena

SATURDAY
Descarga Salsa Festival
When: 2 p.m. to 1 a.m.
What: Learn the dance. Free for students, \$10 class, \$45/day for public.
Where: Gallery and Room 3512, Memorial Union

Ames247: New tradition

Flannel Fridays go viral internationally

By Lynne Reiter
Ames247 writer

Flannel Friday, a tradition for some, is expected to be transformed into a flannstastic event Friday on campus where one will not only find themselves afloat in a sea of flannel-clad enthusiasts, but also hear greetings from participating flannelists who are encouraged to greet each other in the form of hair-raising pterodactyl screeches or blood curdling wookie war cries in regard to a new kind of holiday: Flannel Freakin' Friday.

Starting it as a small event page on Facebook by John Solomon, junior in materials engineering, and Mitch Rock, senior in materials engineering, they never expected the event to gain anywhere near as much popularity as it has.

The event grew virally within a few short weeks, and had nearly 4,000 confirmed attendees that not only spanned across the United States, but also across continents to include attendees in New Zealand and Africa.

"My roommate freshman year did it in high school, and we started doing it here" Rock said about the origins of the tradition of Flannel Friday on campus.

The tradition grew from there to include other materials engineers who commonly partake in the frontier man style on Fridays.

"It makes picking out what to wear on Fridays a lot easier," Solomon said.

But never has Flannel Friday been celebrated like this, where everyone is encouraged to don their lumber-

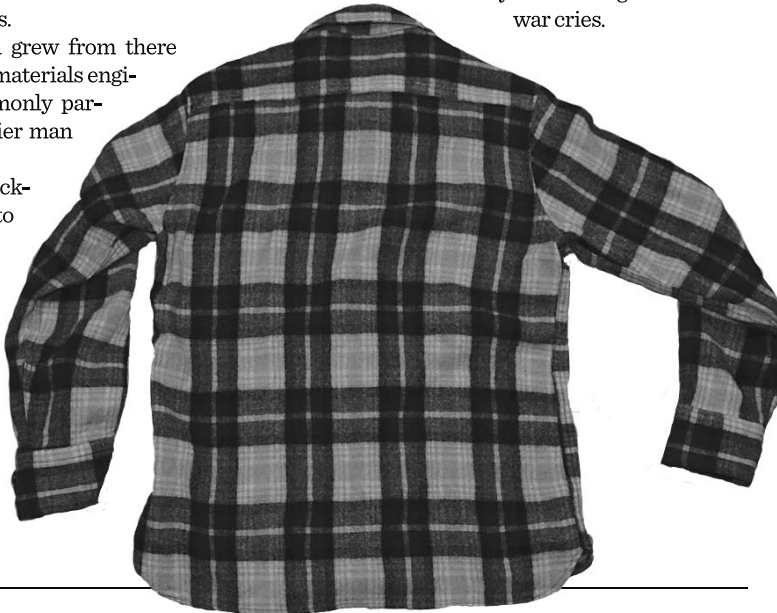
jack best and go out and enjoy all that is flannel with other flannel wearers. Solomon and Rock advocate partakers to take plenty of pictures, acknowledge fellow flannel wearers, spread the joy of flannel and have fun.

However, it should be pointed out there is a difference between flannel and plaid, Solomon and Rock said. Flannel is the heavier, thick material, and while it most commonly comes in plaid, plaid is just the pattern.

"Though, we'll accept plaid," Solomon said.

Friday is also citywide Domestic Violence Awareness Day, when people are urged to wear purple in recognition of the event. Flannel Freakin' Friday does not want to overshadow the domestic violence awareness event. Solomon and Rock suggest taking the best of both worlds and wearing purple flannel.

This Friday is a day to acknowledge that no longer does flannel need to be banned to the back of the closet or the bottom drawer, where it is forced to wait for a cold fall day or hunting trip to be liberated from clothing exile to be appreciated. This Friday is about flannel being more than a warm shirt — this Friday, flannel is a lifestyle; with or without the pterodactyl screeching and wookie war cries.



Ames247: Human relations

FACES is at Bandshell

Family-oriented event celebrates cultural diversity

By Shanna Delfs
Ames247 writer

United Ames, Breaking Down the Barriers and Ames Human Relations Commission will co-sponsor the annual FACES of Ames diversity celebration Saturday at Bandshell Park in Ames.

FACES stands for Families

of Ames Celebrate Ethnicities and has had many locations throughout the past years since it started in 2001. The co-sponsors and coordinators for this year's FACES of Ames' goal is "not just to celebrate ethnicities, but allow for people to allow themselves to express their uniqueness and diversity," said Josh Kriz, organizer for FACES of Ames.

FACES of AMES wants the Ames community to show appreciation of diversity through this event as well as to bring

together community members from different background and cultures.

Saturday's event will have a wide variety of activities, ranging from live entertainment to businesses with activities at their booths. The businesses involved have been asked by the co-sponsors why their businesses contribute to diversity and uniqueness of Ames and culture. Some of the organizations and businesses attending the event will have interactive activities such as book binding, bracelet making, food samples and some of the entertainers will be giving lessons.

"Our goal is to create a fun and interactive event for the community," Kriz said.

FACES of Ames will be going on from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is a free event for the public.

For the list of businesses, organizations and entertainment acts that will be at FACES of Ames, go to unitedames.org.

Celebrity News
Notes and events.

NEW YORK:

Camille Grammer said becoming a part of Bravo's "Real Housewives" franchise has helped ease the pain of her divorce from "Frasier" star Kelsey Grammer.

The 42-year-old former Playboy model calls filming "The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills" a welcome diversion.

She filed for divorce in July, citing "irreconcilable differences." The couple had been married for 13 years and have two children, 9-year-old daughter Mason and 6-year-old son Jude.

In the season premiere that airs Thursday, Kelsey is seen leaving for New York to star in Broadway's "La Cage aux Folles." Camille says watching the first episode was difficult.

She says: "It was hard for me. It definitely brought a tear to my eye."

HARTFORD, CONN.:

A spokesman for Dave Brubeck said the jazz pianist is doing well after surgery at a Connecticut hospital to install a pacemaker.

Patrick Giblin, spokesman at Brubeck's alma mater, University of the Pacific in California, said Brubeck's doctors expect him to be ready to resume concert touring in November.

Giblin said Brubeck is eager to return to the piano. The jazz legend had the surgery at Bridgeport Hospital on Monday after experiencing fatigue and dizziness at his home in Wilton, Conn.

Brubeck, who turns 90 in December, got an early birthday celebration in August when performing with the Wynton Marsalis Quintet at the Newport Jazz Festival in Rhode Island.

DETROIT:

A house painting company has filed a lawsuit against Anita Baker claiming the Grammy-winning R&B singer owes them more than \$15,000.

Ray A. Smith Painting and Decorating claims in a Wayne County Circuit Court lawsuit that Baker has reneged on promises to pay for work at her home in Grosse Pointe, Mich. Work included painting in her son's bedroom, replacing a rotten door sill, and removing water-damaged plaster in her living room.

Neither Baker nor her attorney immediately returned calls by The Detroit News seeking comment.

Court records indicate Baker faces several financial problems including liens for \$465,733 in unpaid federal taxes, \$15,952 in unpaid state taxes and \$3,470 owed to a window company.

HONG KONG:

Jet Li has been cast in Hong Kong director Tsui Hark's new 3-D kung fu epic, "Flying Swords of Dragon Gate."

Tsui's wife, producer Nansun Shi, told The Associated Press in an e-mail that Li will star alongside China's Zhou Xun and Chen Kun and Taiwan's Kwai Lun-mei and Mavis Fan in the \$35 million production scheduled for release in December 2011.

She said the story is inspired by Tsui's 1992 martial arts film "Dragon Inn," which revolves around the face-off between imperial agents and a warrior couple in a desert inn.

China's Sina.com news website reported earlier the Hong Kong filmmaker started shooting on Sunday.

The project marks Tsui's reunion with Li after the "Once Upon a Time in China" kung fu franchise in the 1990s. Li then moved onto a career in Hollywood. His most recent credits include "The Expendables" and the Chinese-language drama "Ocean Heaven."

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Ames flood

Panel: Increasing risk demands preparation

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A panel of ISU faculty discussed contributing factors to the August flooding in Ames and the risks of similar events in the future.

The presentation “Flooding in Ames: Problems and Prospects,” was mediated by Peter Orazem, city councilman. Each of the four panelists was allowed seven minutes to present his or her ideas..

William Gutowski, professor of synoptic meteorology and global climate change, talked about extreme precipitation caused by changes in humidity. He said that in recent studies Des Moines showed a 13 percent increase of moisture in the atmosphere.

“Humidity levels have been going up substantially,” Gutowski said.

Increased water in the atmosphere results in heavier rainfall, he said. This scenario was apparent in the August flood, in which a three-day rainfall caused the South Skunk River to rise more than 18 feet.

Gutowski said that besides the increase in moisture in the atmosphere, a warmer planet causes more energy for storms. The combination of these factors contributes to an increase in extreme weather.

“The amount of moisture that falls out of the sky is going to increase,” Gutowski said.

Kristie Franz, assistant professor of geological and atmospheric sciences, compared the Skunk River flood levels from the past 48 years and spoke of the statistical concept of a “100-year flood.”



Stephen Jones talks with a panel of flood experts discussing the recent years’ floods and preventative measures for the future. Kristie Franz, William Gutowski and Bill Simpkins also sat on the panel, covering geological, atmospheric, civil, construction and economic aspects of the floods’ after effects. Peter Orazem, professor of economics, moderated the panel. Photo: Bryan Langfeldt/ Iowa State Daily

“The 100-year flood is a flood that has a likelihood of occurring once every 100 years,” Franz said. The chance of this happening in any given year is 1 percent, while the chance of a 500-year flood occurring is 0.2 percent.

Using the historical records of a river, she is able to see the yearly peak flows — measured in cubic feet per second — and categorize them into three groups: flows that happen frequently, that happen sometimes or that happen rarely.

Iowa had a 100-year flood in 1996 and 2008 and a 500-year flood in 1993 and 2010.

Franz said the odds of two major floods occurring within a 20-year period are .07 percent.

Franz said this .07 percent is significantly higher than the odds of winning the Iowa Power Ball lottery.

She said people still buy lottery tickets and expect to win, but are surprised when a major flood occurs — even though the chances of a flood are greater.

“[The] take-home message ... is that we have to expect floods to happen,” Franz said.

She said the climate and land use are changing, and the statistical estimates need to be updated. People should always be prepared for a larger-than-anticipated flood.

Bill Simpkins, professor of geological and atmospheric sciences, said Ames gets its water supply from upstream feeds, buried valleys, tributaries and the large amount of rainfall that builds on flat surfaces.

“Everything is interconnected,” Simpkins said.

Stephen Jones, extension civil engineer, spoke of flood management in terms of the risk and reliability in structure design. He defined risk as “the probability of being flooded.”

He said risk analysis can be used as a management or design tool to better evaluate, understand and communicate flood risk.

Jones said flood risks are the likelihood of experiencing floods and the chances that the flood protection measures will

hold up during such events. This is combined with the consequences of any failure to protect people, property or environment.

“Only about 20 percent of people buy flood insurance in Iowa,” Jones said. “We need to educate business owners and homeowners. We cannot predict always exactly down to the decimal point what the [flood level] is going to be.”

During the August flood, 17 buildings on the ISU campus suffered flood damage, including Hilton Coliseum, Scheman Building and Lied Athletic Recreation Center. Flood-related problems also affected 42 other buildings.

“People who built these structures in the [1960s] were not thinking of climate change,” Gutowski said.

He said people need to consider the life expectancy of the buildings and realize structures that will inevitably be flooded again and again cannot last forever.

Jones described measures that can be taken for future flood management and protection, including dams, levees, reservoirs and floodwalls, as well as land-use planning and regulation, flood warning and flood-proofing.

Simpkins said the problem with implementing prevention and risk management is that there is uncertainty surrounding the issue; people are hesitant to make major decisions based on models they are unsure about.

“There are a lot of questions that need to be asked,” Simpkins said. “We have to look into what’s right for Ames.”

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are freshmen — they just got here, they’re homesick, they miss their pets and their family, and this would be a way for them to just kind of feel better about that,” Chung said.

Students on campus ex-

pressed interest in the event.

“It’s cute, and the proceeds go to a good cause,” said Averí Tjarks, freshman in advertising. “I’m definitely willing to pay.”

Another student, Vera Prisacari, junior in nutritional science, was also interested in

the opportunity to play with a new four-legged friend.

“I wanted to go to a shelter, but haven’t gotten around to it,” Prisacari said. “I want to meet [Chung] and give her a hug.”

Ten dogs will be available for renting, and attendees will

be able to choose on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Neither local shelter was able to say specifically what kinds of dogs they will bring, but all dogs will be at least six months old and vaccinated, in accordance with university policy.

Those interested in renting a puppy will also have to show photo ID and sign a waiver of liability.

Helping with the event are volunteers from the two shelters and Chung’s sorority sisters from the Gamma Chapter of Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority Inc.

The proceeds will be split in half between the sorority and the two shelters.

All of the dogs involved with the event are also available for adoption. The Humane Society requires a 24-

hour “think about it” period and a pre-adoption questionnaire, but then the animal can be picked up at the shelter.

The most important thing to the shelters is not the money brought in. The Boone Area Humane Society has another goal in mind.

“The important thing is finding the animals homes,” said Linn Price of the Boone Area Humane Society.

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Opportunities abound to help community

A few weeks ago we ran an editorial singing the praises of the greek community for their philanthropic feeds. We're all for them giving us massive quantities of cheap food and donating the extra money to a good cause. It makes our indulgence easier to justify.

It would appear that our greek community is keeping the pace it originally set with all of its foodstuff events from earlier this semester, and show no signs of stopping the neverending opportunities to gorge ourselves.

But they've taken it a step further, proving that they're not just one-trick ponies with a different alphabet. They've got everything from puppies to raves to raise money for their causes.

And they're not the only ones. Organizations all across campus, as well as the university itself, are doing it. Even your favorite newspaper, the Iowa State Daily, is sponsoring its own event, the Stuff the Bus food drive.

We figured with all of these opportunities to have fun, fill up and give some money to some worthwhile places, you'd like to know what's going on. Here are some of the upcoming events.

Friday and Saturday, Oct. 16-17 — Sigma Lambda Gamma, Rent-A-Puppy - Campanile South Lawn. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, \$10 per half hour. Play with puppies on Central Campus from the Ames Animal Shelter.

This is always one of our favorite events, and you can bet you'll see several members of this editorial board playing with a puppy on campus Saturday. It's one of the highlights of our year.

Sunday, Oct. 17 — Phi Beta Chi with the classic: walking tacos - Memorial Lutheran Church; \$5 all you can eat. Proceeds benefit the Bethesda Lutheran Nursing Home in Chicago.

Tuesday, Oct. 19 — Iowa State College Against Cancer's Bowling for Boobs - Memorial Union Underground; 6 to 10 p.m.; \$3 Bowling, \$10 T-shirts, both for \$12. Come chat with Ames breast cancer survivor Carrie Johnson.

This is one of the biggest events of the week next week, but there will be several Breast Cancer Awareness events next week, including our own Iowa State Daily's Breast Cancer Awareness issue.

Thursday, Oct. 21 — Grilled Cheese with the KD's - Kappa Delta Sorority, 120 Lynn Ave. 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Proceeds benefit local Lupus research. Imagine how much faster Dr. House could solve his cases if he knew it wasn't Lupus from the outset. He'd hardly have enough of a mystery on his hands to last the whole hour.

Friday, Oct. 22 — Sigma Kappa Ultra Violet Night - Great Hall, Memorial Union. 7 to 9 p.m. \$10 Public, \$5 Students. Silent auction, fashion show, music, refreshments. Proceeds benefit Alzheimer's research.

Friday Oct. 22 — Stuff the Bus 2010 - Both Fareways, Both Hy-Vees, Cub Foods. 2 to 8 p.m. Non-perishable food items and donations. Proceeds and food going to the Ames chapter of the Mid-Iowa Community Action food pantry.

Saturday Oct. 23 — Stuff the Bus 2010. See above. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

So there you have it, your schedule of opportunity for the next two weeks.

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The Air Force Drill Team practices Thursday evening on the practice fields by the Molecular Biology building. This is one of the unique activities in which ISU students participate. Photo: Rebekka Brown/Iowa State Daily

Go beyond the bar



By Edward.Leonard@iowastatedaily.com

Campus activities offer break from daily routines

Last weekend marked an opportunity for me that few people get. When I told my friends about this opportunity, their universal reaction was awe and admiration. The words of one friend in particular — we shall call him Kevin — come to mind, “Dude that’s really gay.”

On Saturday I was a contestant in a ballroom dance competition. Kevin’s political incorrectness — and the fact the majority of the male contestants did possess a certain femininity — aside, it was an absolutely fantastic time.

Now I’m not the best dancer in the world, but I was able to move myself around the floor, dragging my hapless partner along with me, with enough grace to not get kicked out. But I also got to watch some truly phenomenal students strut their proverbial stuff in everything from Waltz to Salsa to the Hustle — yep, there is an actual ballroom hustle, and it’s done to techno.

How did I get this opportunity, you may ask? Excellent question. I did it through Cyclone Ballroom, a competitive ballroom

club team. It’s a really fun group of students who teach each other how to dance various forms of ballroom, compete — very well, I might add — at dances around the nation and have a great time doing it.

As college students get into the meat of this semester and midterms rear their ugly heads, we begin to look for ways to deal with our increased stress levels.

Now the general consensus on campus seems to be that going and getting hammered every Friday and Saturday night is the best solution to that. It’s true, that is definitely one way to handle it, but it’s not the only solution.

Ballroom has become mine, but it’s not for everyone. I personally love the idea of grabbing some random girl and twirling her around a dance-floor for a few hours, but I can see how some people might not be quite as keen.

However, Cyclone Ballroom is one of approximately one gazillion organizations on campus that offer some truly excellent activities to distract from the daily grind.

We all know that ClubFest happened already, as it does at the beginning of every semester. That’s all said and done, but many students didn’t get a chance to go and find

out all of the opportunities they have as students here.

ClubFest was at the beginning of the semester when everyone was just getting adjusted to their schedules, and it’s tough to figure out what nights of the week you can cram in another meeting.

But now it’s a different story, and most clubs are still, and pretty much always, open to new members. I didn’t go to ClubFest, but I heard about Cyclone Ballroom through a friend of mine. Keep your ear to the ground and you never know what you’ll find.

We have clubs for everything, no matter what your interest is. Everything from the already mentioned ballroom to swing dancing to skiing, and of course everyone’s favorite club, Cuffs — look it up, or don’t. It’s really incredible.

So if you’re one of those students who wants to spend every Saturday night inspecting bar stools, that’s OK. But if you want to get a little more creative, I encourage you to look around. Go to Central Campus and read some of the chalk-messages on the ground. Ask your friends what they do for fun. Who knows? Maybe you’ll find a new passion.

Or maybe just a bunch of guys twirling around in tight shirts.

Officer applied double standard

It was about 1:30 a.m. Sunday. I was walking with a friend home from Pita Pit. We had wanted a late-night bite to eat. It had been a pretty easy-going night. He and I just hung out at my apartment talking, nothing big.

We were about to cross the intersection at Hayward and Knapp when an ISU student police officer just barely came to a stop and then pulled out in front of us without using a turn signal. Angered, I said loudly to my friend, “What the **** use a turning signal you ****!” The officer proceeded to turn around and pull into a driveway, blocking the sidewalk in front of us. He told me not to draw attention to myself, and that he could take me to county jail for being drunk

Ashley Parker, junior in psychology

and “running my mouth.”

Having been completely sober, I offered to take a breathalyzer test. He then stated, “Do you even know traffic laws?” Before I had time to get out a statement he said, “Didn’t think so. Just keep your mouth shut.” Never having been in this situation before, I agreed to keep my comments to myself, and then he told my friend and me to “have a nice night.”

It both disgusted and frightened me that an officer on a power trip and out of mere retaliation could accuse me of being intoxicated and threaten to arrest me just for speaking

my opinion, however brash and inappropriate, a basic First Amendment right. Curious to see who was really in the wrong, I later looked up in the 2009-2010 Iowa Driver’s Manual the law on turning signals.

“Get into the habit of signaling every time you change direction. Signal even when you do not see anyone else around. It is easy to miss someone who needs to know what you are doing” (pp. 40, section 5).

Last time I checked, traffic laws and rules applied to everyone. Are law enforcement officials, in particular student officers, exempt from this rule? Is it an unspoken commandment that with the right uniform and badge you can get away with doing and saying whatever you

please?

Isn’t it hypocritical to routinely stop others for traffic violations and issue citations when you yourself don’t abide by these rules? Whatever happened to the idea of “practicing what you preach”? And finally, are these individuals in law enforcement because they truly care about public safety or because it is a way to boost their egos and gain some sense of power through subjugation and reprimanding others?

I’m sure that there are members in law enforcement who are decent people who stick to the book and follow the rules just like every other citizen. But to the ones who don’t: What gives you the right not to? Just wondering.

Coal ash reporting was misleading

The Iowa State Daily seems to be taking a lesson from Stephen Colbert and doing its part to “Keep Fear Alive.”

Featured on the front page of the Oct. 12 issue was an article by Tessa Callender about a protest of the ISU coal fired plant. It begins with some enlightening data that make me want to reduce my consumption of electricity: we burn 148,965 tons of coal per year, and produce 77 tons of fly ash per day. But then it takes a Colbert-esque turn:

“[The] fly ash is sent to ... an unlined and unmonitored quarry. Such disposal could lead to contamination of the water supply since fly ash contains harmful levels of radioactive elements such as uranium and thorium.”

Wait a second. Iowa State is a science school, right? That’s still in our name, the last time I checked. So, why is the Daily publishing un-cited, fear-inducing statements without making the slightest effort to put things

Alan Hulsebus, graduate student in physics and astronomy

in perspective?

The snippet has all the keywords right in order: unmonitored, contamination, harmful levels, radioactive. All that’s missing is “terror plot” and you’ve got a big cable news story.

Yes, there are radioactive elements in coal ash. There are radioactive elements in the bricks of every building on campus, in your granite countertop and in every living thing, including you. The concentration of these elements is what matters, so the way to determine if something is harmful is to compare its elemental composition to something we encounter every day.

First, we need to know how much uranium and thorium are in coal ash. Fortunately, the United States Geological Survey has already done the hard work for us.

The fact sheet says this: “In the majority of samples, concentrations of uranium fall in the range from slightly below 1 to 4 parts per million ... coals with more than 20 ppm uranium are rare in the United States. Thorium concentrations in coal fall within a similar 1-4 ppm range.”

But the article in the Daily wasn’t talking about coal; it was talking about coal ash. When coal is burned, it is reduced in weight by 90 percent, leaving the remaining 10 percent as ash. Elements like uranium and thorium get concentrated in this ash, so their final levels are 10 to 40 ppm.

So, is that dangerous? For comparison, a 1994 study of Iowa’s soil by Ames Laboratory found a typical soil concentration of 85 ppm for uranium. This means that Iowa topsoil has generally two to four times more uranium than the fly ash we dump in Waterloo.

What about thorium? A similar study from the Iowa Geological and Water Survey found average soil concentrations of thorium to be about 11 ppm. Since the majority of ash has between 10 and 40 ppm of thorium, it would seem at first that this could be cause for concern. However, the range of detected values in soil was less than 6 ppm to 31 ppm, or only slightly lower than that of the ash. Also, the EPA’s soil concentration limit for thorium is 50 ppm for topsoil and 150 ppm for deep soil.

Even the USGS’s fact sheet concludes with: “[Water testing shows] dissolved concentrations of these radioactive elements are below levels of human health concern.” That certainly doesn’t sound harmful to me.

The less fear mongering we have in journalism, the better our chances of a rational discussion of politically sensitive topics.

Society

Music’s allure is powerful, universal



By Mischa.Olson @iowastatedaily.com

People use music to express feelings, regardless of location

A large SUV drives past your apartment window and you hear the sweet, dulcet tones of Lady Gaga crooning, “You and me could write a bad romance.” Where are you? Ames, downtown New York City, Rome, a tiny town in rural Kentucky; it could be anywhere. Lady Gaga’s infamous music video has more than 290 million views on YouTube. And perhaps even more telling, Lady Gaga was recently ranked the seventh most powerful woman in the world in Forbes Magazine’s 2010 list of the 100 Most Powerful Women. And who is right behind her at No. 9? Beyonce Knowles. They are ranked above news anchor Katie Couric, above Supreme Court justice Sonia Sotomayor, even above the Queen of England. This could be viewed as a startling commentary on the priorities of our society, but it is also a strong validation of the power of music. My roommate from last year is currently studying abroad in Italy, and she told me a story about a boy leaning out a window singing, “Alejandro, Alejandro,” down to them on



the street below. She and her friends laughed and waved while he sang, “don’t call my name, don’t call my name.” The group of students went on their way, but they still remember the boy in the window. They made a connection through music. A young man in a coffee shop was feeling down and out until he heard Bob Marley singing, “don’t worry, be happy,” through the headphones of the girl in the booth behind him. Don’t forget the power of music in our daily lives. Finding the perfect study music can help you concentrate. The right beat in the morning can energize you for the day. When you’re frustrated, that loud screamo can express your feelings perfectly. And the right song can tell someone you really love them. This is true no matter the language or nationality of the music. The emotion expressed is the same. Lady Gaga is a reminder of this. Yes, Lady Gaga’s music isn’t the political and social commentary of John Lennon or powerful antiwar messages of Neil Young. It’s got a fun beat and catchy

“Lady Gaga’s infamous music video [‘Bad Romance’] has more than 290 million views on YouTube. And, perhaps even more telling, Lady Gaga was recently ranked the seventh most powerful woman.” lyrics. Maybe she shouldn’t be No. 7 on the Forbes list, but she has an important place in our society. Music can transcend borders. It can bring a gawky Italian boy and American students together; it can express sorrow over life lost; it can forge new friendships. Perhaps life’s problems wouldn’t seem so daunting if we would, “Just dance.” Courtesy photo: Thinkstock

Judiciary

Supreme Court system needs preservation

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Imagine you are at the Supreme Court waiting for a verdict. Unfortunately for you, the verdict was not in your favor. So what do you do? Naturally, you ignore the judge’s verdict and pressure him and the entire community to change the verdict because it didn’t float your boat.

As you can already tell, this action has many negative consequences and is detrimental to society. If we operated under the system which is displayed in the previous example, the idea of justice would fall apart, because every case that would get brought up would be challenged in this manner. Fortunately, this is not seen in today’s legal environment, or is it? The Iowa Supreme Court gave its verdict on the issue of gay marriage in April 3, 2009. The Iowa Supreme Court found that the ban on gay marriage was unconstitutional. Although this was a State Supreme Court

and not the U.S. Supreme Court, the state legislators are bound by the State Supreme Court decision. Now, if everything goes as it should, gay marriage will be legalized in the state of Iowa and no legislator will try to stop that. Unfortunately that’s not the case. Iowa conservatives stated that they would not try to pass legislation against gay marriage because it would affect the coming elections, Jan. 5, 2010. However, they have vowed to pass legislation and an amendment to overturn it. In late 2009 they attempted several times to pass an amendment against gay marriage with no such luck. The point is, if they are going to disagree with the Supreme Court’s decision anyway, why bother to have one? It thus makes us have to stop and think about the purpose of the Supreme Court. The Supreme

Court is the court where all of the constitutionally important cases go for a definitive and final analysis on its constitutionality. The idea is to have unbiased justices who would not be coerced by pressure from politicians or the public. This is great, and so far it’s stayed pretty much that way. However, the reality is that there are groups out there that are trying to diminish that distance from political pressure and influence the decisions of the court. It is thus our duty to hold in mind the purpose of the Supreme Court, and make sure things stay the way they are supposed to be. One big question lingering in our minds is in what way the Supreme Court’s purpose is being diminished, not because of their authority decreasing but because of the same reasons as discussing in my very first example. The problem is that a case will be sent to the Supreme Court, and the Supreme Court will make a decision based on the constitution. Then, if politicians disagree with the ruling

of the Supreme Court today, they will simply ignore it, and try to pass legislation against it. However, just like any debate, there are two sides. One argument is that certain issues need to be attacked by legislators if those legislators feel that it goes against the common good. Although this is a valid point, the argument falls flat when you consider the idea of precedent. If one was to successfully pass legislation or an amendment to overturn the Supreme Court’s ruling then it would set precedent for anyone else to challenge any other Supreme Court ruling. The idea is that if this gets passed then it would set precedent for anyone else who didn’t like a ruling to challenge it and try to overturn it which would lead to crumbling justice system. A common misconception

is that the Supreme Court’s decisions are final; this is not the case. The Supreme Court has the power to overturn its previous rulings. An example of this would be when slavery was abolished. In this instance a faulty Supreme Court ruling was overturned by the Supreme Court. This goes to show that just because the Supreme Court makes a ruling doesn’t necessarily make it final. The purpose of the Supreme Court is to decide the issues that would be biased to be resolved anywhere else. To try to overturn a Supreme Court ruling would give precedent to overturn any piece of legislation and any ruling in the court system which would lead in chaos. We need to re-examine the purpose of the Supreme Court so we can get our agenda back to normal.



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Shelly Bruecken, freshman in preparation for human medicine, studies on Central Campus. Photo: Yue Wu/Iowa State Daily



Claire Grady, senior in elementary education, studies Thursday near the Campanile. Grady finished with class and studied for upcoming exams. Photo: Yue Wu/Iowa State Daily



Ben Kocher, freshman in pre-integrated studio arts, passes some time between classes. Kocher said it was a great day to be out. Photo: Yue Wu/Iowa State Daily



Megan Stoner, sophomore in biology, studies for chemistry exam. Photo: Yue Wu/Iowa State Daily



Amanda Kerber, senior in psychology, plays with her dog, Pearlis, on Thursday on Central Campus. Pearlis is a 10-month-old border collie Kerber adopted in August. Photo: Yue Wu/Iowa State Daily

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with her fellow students and decided to transfer to Iowa State at semester. She found herself in a similar situation at Iowa State.

“I transferred from DMACC to Iowa State at semester, and when I first came here, I didn’t feel quite connected with the other students,” Musignac said.

“They were talking about subjects and concerns that were different from mine, as I was a young parent.”

Three years and another child later, Musignac finally found People Place — a parent group with an early childhood center. It was here that Musignac finally found a connection with others.

She came across People Place when she did an internship there for her major, which is child, adult and family services.

“Places like People Place are needed and should really be taken advantage of,” Musignac said. “Being so young, younger parents only know so much and there is not enough support or education without People Place.”

Musignac, now a senior double majoring in child, adult and family services and sociology, will be graduating in December. She said People Place has taught her how to be a better parent as well as a better person.

“There are so many opportunities to help the community and show you are able to help. LSI helps so many people,” Musignac said.

“It is involved with youth, people with disabilities, parents and helps out so much in the community. You run and walk every day. Why not do it for somebody who it can help?”

As Musignac’s involvement with the program shows, LSI helps provide resources and services to members of the community who find themselves in need of it for a variety of reasons.



Shalome Musignac was a nontraditional student and young mother struggling until she found Lutheran Services of Iowa’s People Place program, which exists to help teach parenting skills. Courtesy photo: Shalome Musignac

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the story of the victim’s death. Students passing by stopped to read about the men, women and children murdered.

“It’s a subject people are uncomfortable with,” Rice said. “It is painful, and you can’t walk past this without absorbing a little bit of that.”

Three of the stories hit close to home for Ames residents.

Larry Brown was stabbed to death in 2007 in Ames by Patricia Shellburg, a woman with whom he lived. Lacriisa Davis died in 2008 after being shot by an ex-boyfriend in a convenience store in Ames. Shakena Varnell and her friend Michael Odikiro, both of Ames, were stabbed to death by Atiba Spellman, a man Varnell had dated.

“A lot of times, the cases you see on TV are domestic violence, but they’re portrayed as a crime of passion or strictly homicide,” said Cailan Sockness, victim advocate for ACCESS. “They don’t seem to represent the true issue of domestic violence.”

Domestic violence is any violence or physical abuse directed toward your spouse or domestic partner, according to ACCESS.

“It doesn’t have to be bruised faces or broken bones,” said Liz Steinborn, graduate

assistant in educational leadership and policy studies.

“It can be emotional and sexual.”

National studies found one in four women to have experienced domestic violence in their lifetime, and nearly three out of four people know a victim of domestic violence.

“It happens across ethnicity, across socio-economic class and across sexual orientation,” Rice said.

“Every family is touched by this, and ultimately every one of us, because of the fear and intimidation that violence causes. It’s everyone’s business.”

During the display from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., ACCESS and Women’s Center members handed out purple ribbons, flyers and wristbands reading “Stop the violence.” Sockness said they gave away about 300 wristbands within the first hour.

ACCESS is sponsoring another event Friday entitled “Color the city purple.” The organization is asking everyone to wear purple to raise awareness about domestic abuse.

“People aren’t alone,” Steinborn said. “I think folks walk through this and don’t say anything, but they need to know that they’re not alone. There are people who can help them.”

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counseling services to Haskin.

“For some people it helps to talk, but for me it might help if I just had some space, I suppose,” he said. “Having someone there helps but it’s like putting a Band-Aid on a hemorrhage — it’s not going to stop it but it will help.”

Haskin hasn’t returned to his classes since the accident. He tried going to one, but he said his mind was going in several different directions.

“In my class there is a student who is an officer that was working the scene that night. He was kind of my support system at the time, but that was the day it must have been in the paper and all I could think about was what did my classmates think of me? What do my professors think?” Haskin said.

It got to be too hard for Haskin and he hasn’t returned since.

Haskin’s life for the past two weeks “has been a question mark” for him.

“It has been a constant case of anxiety. I have not had any straight

answer until today,” Haskin said. “The fact that you can’t put any order to some chaos is the worst feeling that anyone would want to be in. You want answers, your family wants answers, the university wants answers but no one has them.”

Haskin said he spent one night pacing through his living room. He couldn’t decide if he should sit down and do homework, or dwell on what happened.

“You can’t sleep. You can’t eat. It’s hard,” he said.

“I’ve written a letter to his family, my family has written a letter to them also. I haven’t heard from them and I have no idea how they feel,” Haskin said.

The first and only person Haskin told about the accident at first was his roommate. He called his parents to tell them something happened, but he didn’t go in-depth for a few days.

“You’re in a state of panic and chaos,” Haskin said. “It’s still so unreal that even telling someone about it doesn’t help.”

“Even though Jonathan’s death is an answer in a sense, it’s like stitching

a hole in your heart that is still empty. He has passed on and there was closure but it’s not the answer. There is a resolution — he isn’t in pain anymore, but there’s still a gap there,” Haskin said.

Haskin said that in Army training, soldiers are taught to not be influenced by death. In some situations, some people come back from death incidents with post traumatic stress disorder.

“I hope I don’t become one of those people and I won’t forget Jonathan,” Haskin said. “This is something I didn’t ask for but nonetheless I’m apart of it. I will always keep Jonathan with me.”

Haskin plans to stay at Iowa State and, so far, his professors have been understanding.

“The only thing I can do for my future is let it change me for the better, and not let the remorse and ‘What if?’ take control of me,” Haskin said.

“I read about how Jonathan was a very religious person and the two ultimate questions I have are why did this happen to such a good person and why me?” Haskin said. “Those are

the questions I will always live with, it’s just something that doesn’t leave you.”

Haskin was sick to his stomach when he saw the damage done to his vehicle. He wasn’t able to see it until Wednesday and had to drive it from the impound lot to the repair shop.

The drive was nothing less than nauseating.

“Every time I see someone walk across the road or walk around campus I get an anxiety attack. Part of me wonders when this is going to end,” Haskin said.

This loss has put reality into perspective for Haskin.

“I think about it everyday and I still will. I never met Jonathan but from what it sounds like he would have wanted something good to come out of this,” Haskin said.

Haskin thought something like this would never happen to him.

“I am not getting through this. But I know that superficially I have to because the world doesn’t stop for me and it doesn’t stop for situations like this,” he said. “Life will go on and my emotions will eventually catch up.”

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hood of vehicle and pedestrian accidents, according to an Ames Police Department news release. To ensure safety, both the pedestrians and the drivers need to be aware of each other, respect each other and obey the law.

“It’s important for motorists and pedestrians to be aware of their surroundings, especially at peak hours such as class changing times,” said Jerry Stewart, ISU police chief.

Ames police officers Tom Shelton and Josh Hale are the supervisors for the project.

“The Segways and bikes will allow officers to be aware of the scene on-hand rather than having to pull over and get out of their vehicles,” Shelton said.

“Staff levels will remain the same but the patrolling will be in a different manner.”

There have been 18 accidents reported on weekend days — Saturdays or Sundays — since Oct. 2, according to Ames police.

Football

Beat-up Cyclones hit the road

Team heads to Oklahoma, takes on second top-10 team in two weeks

By Jake Lovett
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Iowa State faces another stiff challenge Saturday in its schedule with a trip to Norman, Okla. to face No. 6 Oklahoma.

The Sooners (5-0, 1-0 Big 12) are 24-point favorites over the Cyclones (3-3, 1-1), who will be facing a top-10 team for the second straight week.

At the midpoint of the season, the caliber of the opposition isn't always the biggest problem. The team that will take the field Saturday in Norman is tired and beaten up.

"The grind's getting there," said ISU sophomore linebacker A.J. Klein.

"Just the body is starting to wear down a little bit as the season wears on."

Klein and fellow linebacker Jake Knott have been on the field for nearly every snap this season. The two are far and away the team's tackling leaders — Klein is 13th in the nation — and are the most consistent playmakers on an ISU defense that is ranked No. 97.

Being on the field for every play of the ball can wear on a young body — they're both just sophomores in their first full year of competition — but they've taken on the responsibility of leading the young defense.

"We wouldn't have it any other way," Klein said.

"We want to be playing every snap. I want to be in there and help this team win."

Klein, Knott and the rest of the ISU defense will likely be called on a lot during Saturday's game with the Sooners.

Oklahoma's offense is just the 40th best in the country, but not for lack of trying.

The OU offense is led by sophomore quarterback Landry Jones, who has one of the nation's top receiving threats in Ryan Broyles. Broyles is eighth in the country with 103 receiving yards per game and has four of Jones' 11 touchdowns.

The Sooners, under 12-year boss Bob Stoops, also run one of the country's quickest offenses.

"They'll spread it out on you, they'll run it down your throat, they'll do a lot of different things," Klein said.

"They do a lot of hurry up. They're really quick."

Oklahoma's hurry-up offense could spell trouble for the tired ISU defense.

ISU defensive coordinator Wally Burnham said that at one point during the season the Sooners ran a series of four plays in less than one minute of game time and has averaged 85 plays per game this season.

In the last two weeks alone, the ISU defense has gone up against 166 snaps of the ball and has faced an average of 71.5 per game this year.

"It's a real concern," Burnham said.

There's a lack of depth at linebacker that



Linebacker A.J. Klein attempts to stop Utah running back Eddie Wide during the game Saturday at Jack Trice Stadium. Photo: Manfred Brugger/Iowa State Daily

was made worse by the injury to Matt Tau'ou earlier this year. The depth isn't much greater at any other defensive group, either.

At linebacker, though, it seems that Knott and Klein would need to step off the field at some point, particularly against the fast-paced offenses that have been on the ISU schedule.

"I can't find a place," Burnham said. "The other kids are not quite where they need to be to get in and do consistently what needs to be done."



Burnham's unit isn't the only one banged up on the Cyclones' trip south.

Offensive coordinator Tom Herman will likely do most of his play calling this week without running back Alexander Robinson. Robinson has been suffering from an ankle injury, but also injured the same foot against Utah and is likely to be held out of the game.

If Robinson does see the field, it will likely be 10-15 snaps and even fewer touches of the ball.

In the place of Robinson will be a tandem of freshmen. True freshman Shontrelle Johnson has been garnering most of the buzz and has 24 carries for 179 yards, 61 of which came on a touchdown against Texas Tech. Herman said that Johnson's running style is similar to Robinson's, so many play calls can be used well for both backs.

The other will be redshirt freshman Jeff Woody, who is much more of a power-type back.

	vs.	
Iowa State (3-3)		Oklahoma (5-0)

Where: Norman, Okla.

When: 6 p.m. Saturday

Media coverage: Fox Sports Net

Notes: Oklahoma leads the all-time series between the two teams 67-5-2.

The Sooners' Ryan Broyles has 46 catches (fourth in the country) for 103 yards per game (eighth nationally) as OU quarterback Landry Jones' top target this season. Broyles and running back DeMarco Murray (18th in the NCAA in rushing) have led Oklahoma to a 5-0 start and a No. 6 ranking.

Iowa State's last win in the series was a 33-31 win in 1990.

"Jeff will get you those inside, tough yards," Herman said.

"That may be the only difference, when Jeff's in there some of the runs may be a little different.

The success of the ISU running game will be tied to the outcome of the game. Oklahoma's defense is just 93rd in the country and 79th against

the run, but the unit has still found a way to keep opponents to 22.8 points per game.

"They've got one of the best defensive ends in the league and one of the best secondaries in the league," Herman said.

"They don't have to do a lot of things to wreak havoc, they can do it with their normal base defense, so that's going to be the biggest challenge."

Preparing for Oklahoma — and a trip Oct. 23 to Austin, Texas, to face the Longhorns — has caused coaches to change up practice routines.

Tuesday, Herman said the team practiced in just helmets and shorts, not their customary practice pants, which seemed to freshen the team up.

The battered ones — Klein, Knott, Robinson and others — have been limited a little more in practice leading up to the trip to Norman to keep their bodies healthy. They've also been undergoing more treatment on the parts that give them trouble.

Mentally, Klein said it's a new challenge every week preparing for a new team. But, physically, the grind is there.

"You've got to push it to the limits," Klein said.

"You've got to kind of ignore injuries and work through them, stay healthy as best you can. We've got to play the next six weeks and we don't really get rest time."

Soccer

Defeat of Aggies will rely on defensive focus

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The Cyclones hope to get back in the win column this weekend with a pair of conference matches at home against Texas A&M and Texas.

Iowa State will face Texas A&M on Friday — the seventh-ranked team in the country according to the most recent National Soccer Coaches Association of America poll.

The Aggies come into the game 11-3-0 on the season and 4-1-0 in the Big 12, and have a high-powered offense Iowa State will have to suppress.

"We're going to have to defend hard, try to prevent goal scoring opportunities for them, especially easy ones, and look to counter," said coach Wendy Dillinger. "It's not going to be a game where we're playing in their half very much. We're just going to have to defend, defend, defend and look for opportunities to counter."

Iowa State struggled on the defensive end last weekend, allowing seven goals in its two games, but freshman defender Jessica Stewart has an answer. "I think the biggest thing is stepping out with confidence, not sitting back and letting them attack but playing more of an offensive-minded defense," Stewart said.

"Whenever they get the ball, being the first one there, putting pressure on tight, winning balls out of the air, just playing with confidence and not letting them push us around."

Earlier this season, Iowa State was able to get some success in the box, but recently opponents have kept them out. Freshman Emily Goldstein hopes they can change that this weekend.

"We just need to relax," Goldstein said. "In the box we just need to do what we know how to do; finish it, put it low and away from the keeper, and we just need to make sure we finish

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Iowa State (6-7-2, 1-4)		Texas A&M (11-3, 4-1)
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Iowa State (6-7-2, 1-4)		Texas (8-3-3, 1-2-2)

Where: ISU Soccer Complex

When: 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15 and 1 p.m. Sunday

Notes: Texas A&M leads the all-time series against the Cyclones 14-1-2. The Aggies defeated the Cyclones 1-0 in Ames last season. Texas holds a 14-2-1 lead all-time over the Cyclones.

One of the two wins against Texas was Iowa State's 1-0 win in Ames last season.

Texas A&M leads the Big 12 in shots per game, with Iowa State coming in fifth, and Texas 11th.

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Alyssa Mautz, an Aggie senior midfielder, ranks third in the Big 12 with 10 goals and has the potential to cause some havoc against the Cyclone defense.

"As in any game we have to recognize who their key player is, who their playmaker is, who their goal scorer is and do our best to shut them down by staying tight and not letting her do what she wants to do," said junior defender Mary Kate McLaughlin.

Texas A&M keeper Kelly Dyer has also been crucial to the Aggies' success this season, as she is second in the Big 12 in goals against average and save percentage. "It we can come out of Friday night with a point [and] get a tie, we're happy. If we do well defending and happen to score a goal



Midfielder Emily Goldstein drives the ball against Oklahoma on Oct. 1 at the ISU Soccer Complex. File photo: Zunkai Zhao/Iowa State Daily

on them on a counter or push forward and score, we're excited," Dillinger said.

Iowa State was unable to hold the lead against Colorado last Sunday, but will need to find a way to keep a lead if they get one in order to keep up with the Aggies.

The Cyclones take on Texas in the second game of the weekend Sunday.

Texas is 8-3-3 this season and 1-2-2 in the conference, but what its record doesn't show is its ability to keep games close by not allowing a lot of goals.

"Texas I think is a team that is very, very good, but not getting results right now and it's something we need to try to take advantage of," Dillinger said.

Goldstein said the key is getting shots off every time the chance presents itself. "We have to be creative, we have to work hard, we can't be satisfied with almost scoring," Goldstein said. "We just need to make sure we get up the field and when we can shoot we need to shoot."

McLaughlin said playing as a unit will help on the defensive end as well.

"Just in general, going against Texas, we need to focus on what we want to do defensively, and as long as we are playing together and moving together and stepping and organized and disciplined, then hopefully we won't have any problems."

Iowa State has five games left on its schedule, and after this week-

end, they will have another weekend away before returning home for the final game of the season; they hope the home-field advantage will help them do well and get to the Big 12 tournament. "It's very helpful. We've put ourselves in a hole a little bit and not that we can't get out of it, but we need to get out of it. Being at home in a home atmosphere in front of a home crowd will help that I think," McLaughlin said.

Stewart is not expected to play Friday as a result of the concussion she suffered last Sunday, but might be able to play Sunday against Texas. The Cyclones' first game is at 6:30 p.m. Friday against the Aggies, and admission is free. Sunday's game begins at 1 p.m.

Volleyball

Moving on after upset

Cyclones prepare for the rest of Big 12 play after 3-1 loss against Kansas

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Losses are all but inevitable in sports, but it's up to the mental strength of the team to find a way to get past and build on them.

In the wake of a shocking 3-1 loss at the hands of Kansas, the ISU volleyball team may have gotten its wake-up call for the rest of the 2010 season.

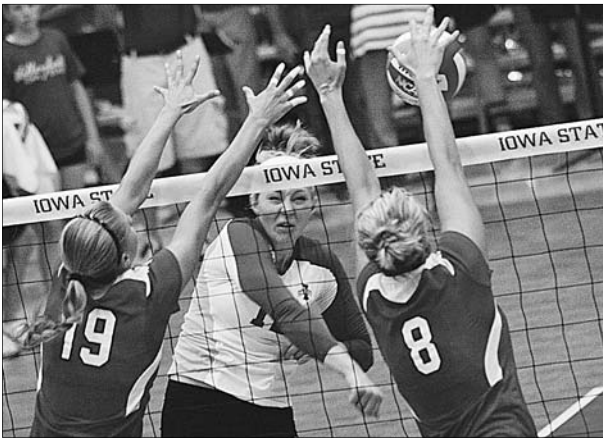
"I hate to admit it, but you learn more from a loss," said middle blocker Jamie Straube. "I think from that we took the mentality that we need to come into every single game ready to play. Every team is good, every win is important. And I think we're responding well to it."

Several close, unconvincing wins preempted the Oct. 9 loss in Lawrence, and the Cyclones (12-4, 5-3 Big 12) hope it can ultimately give them a jump-start in the right direction.

After having no problem with Kansas State at home Wednesday, the Cyclones now will take the same confidence and focus into their match against a very unpredictable Texas A&M team Saturday.

"I think everyone is really ready to go now," said setter Alison Landwehr. "Everyone's mental state is really focused and ready to put everything into the match."

The Aggies (9-9, 3-5 Big



Iowa State's Jamie Straube hits the ball to Nebraska during the Cyclones game Sept. 15 at Ames High. File photo: Manfred Brugger/Iowa State Daily

12) vaulted themselves into the spotlight by sweeping then-No. 8 Texas last month, but came tumbling back down to reality after losing badly on the road to Kansas and Colorado, then being swept by Kansas State at home.

They will enter Saturday's tilt with the Cyclones on a four-match losing streak, but still offer plenty to worry about. The ISU coaching staff will have a big circle around Kelsey Black's name this week, as she has done nothing but be a headache for all Aggie opponents.

After losing two All-Big 12 hitters from last season, A&M needed Black to step up in a big way, and she has done just that, currently ranking second in the Big 12 in kills per set, with 4.10.

"She is an absolutely ter-

rific athlete," said coach Christy Johnson-Lynch. "Wherever you put her, she's going to get kills, so we're going to have to do a really good job against her."

The Cyclones do have a bit of a leg up on getting ready to face such a powerful offensive weapon. Preparation for Black will bring a lot of similarities from earlier this week when the team was getting ready for Kansas State, also a fairly one-dimensional offense driven by a talented outside hitter.

Iowa State passed their first test against the Wildcat's JuliAnne Chisholm, who was held without a single kill and hit -.227 on 22 swings.

Johnson-Lynch also made a note that A&M features a freshman starting setter. The team is hoping to possibly ex-

**VS.**

Iowa State (12-4)Texas A&M (9-9)

Where: Ames High School Gymnasium
When: 3 p.m. Saturday

Media coverage: Daily reporters Kelsey Jacobs and Jake Calhoun will live chat on iowastatedaily.com.

Notes: The Cyclones are coming off a convincing 3-0 win on Wednesday night at home over the Kansas State Wildcats.

plot this situation that often brings about tentativeness in running an offense in Big 12 play.

Rounding out the coaching staff's improvement wish list for practice this week is increased offensive production from positions other than the outside.

Senior Victoria Henson leads the Big 12 in kills per set, with 4.20, and likely has opposing coaches talking about her much in the way Johnson-Lynch has done about Black.

"We've been hoping to get more kills out of our middles and right sides," Johnson-Lynch said. "We want to make practice more game-like this week."

The Cyclones and Aggies match is scheduled for 3 p.m. Sat. at Ames High School.

Swimming and Diving

Dual meet to offer training, experience

By Nate Ryan
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The ISU swimming and diving team begins its regular season Saturday in a dual on the road. The Cyclones travel to Minneapolis and the campus of the University of Minnesota for a meet with the Golden Gophers.

Swimming coach Duane Sorenson explained how a dual meet against a powerhouse like Minnesota is training for tournaments later in the season.

"Our whole season is geared around the Northwestern Invitational and the Big 12 Championships," Sorenson said. "All college swim teams make their dual meets part of their training."

The Cyclones are hurting with senior Jeli Nixt still recovering from a moped accident that occurred before the start of the school year.

"She's at about 70 to 75 percent. She's working her way back into it," Sorenson said.

Sorenson said Dani Harris is also gradually working her way back to 100 percent after having her knee scoped last spring.

The Cyclones do have some new faces stepping up. Coaches have been pleased with the improvements of freshmen Alex Gustafson and Emily Wiltsie, as well as sophomore transfer Elena Carvell.

"Those three are really stepping up and doing a nice job," Sorenson said.

Diving coach Jeff Warrick is looking forward to the opportunity this meet brings. Warrick pointed out the talent of the Minnesota divers and how it compares to what the Cyclones want to achieve.

"It's great to see and compete against that caliber of diving and being in a great facility," Warrick said. "It should hopefully bring out the best in us."

This meet also serves as a homecoming for some members of the team. Seven Cyclones are Minnesota natives, and a lot of them swam in their state high school championships at the same facility they'll swim at Saturday.

Sorenson is also from Minnesota and grew up in the Twin Cities, living in the state for 40 years.

"I still know half the state," Sorenson said. "A lot of their friends and relatives are going to be there so they're going to want to shine. It's always fun to go home as they say."

The Cyclones and Golden Gophers begin their meet at 1 p.m. Saturday at the University Aquatic Center located on the University of Minnesota campus.

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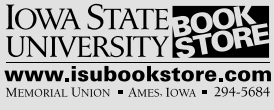
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